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## **Advisory Announcement**

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## DISTRICTS 6 AND 8 DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY EXTENSION

Petersburg... The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the following information concerning the drift gillnet fishery in Districts 6 and 8.

District 6: will be extended for 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 1, 2020, with the following restrictions:

Section 6-D: will be closed north and east of a line from Point Nesbitt at 56°13.93′ N lat, 132°52.35′ W long to Nesbitt Reef Light at 56°13.22′ N lat, 132°51.84′ W long to Mariposa Rock Buoy at 56°10.68′ N lat, 132° 44.36′ W long to the northernmost tip of Point Harrington at 56°10.27′ N lat, 132°43.57′ W long to a point on Etolin Island at 56°09.60′ N lat, 132°42.70′ W long to the southernmost tip of Point Stanhope at 56°00.69′ N lat, 132°36.47′ W long and south of a line from Point Stanhope to Luck Point at 55°59.05′ N lat, 132°44.08′ W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches.

District 8: will be extended for 24 hours and will close at 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 1, 2020, with the following restrictions:

<u>Frederick Sound</u>: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed south of a line from the mainland shore at 56°50.67′ N lat, 132°47.36′ W long to a point on McDonald Island at 56°50.76′ N lat, 132°49.25′ W long and south and west of a line from a point on McDonald Island at 56°50.76′ N lat, 132°49.25′ W long to the southern tip of Sukoi Island at 56°53.28′ N lat, 132°55.91′ W long to Sukoi Island Light at 56°53.73′ N lat, 132°56.64′ W long to a point 1.0 nautical mile (nmi) off the Kupreanof Island shoreline at the District 10 boundary at 56°57.13′ N lat, 132°59.05′ W long;

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River, including Chichagof Pass and Zimovia Strait, will be closed east of a line from the western shore of Blind Slough at 56°30.71′ N lat, 132°43.48′ W long to Craig Point Light at 56°27.40′ N lat, 132°42.95′ W long to South Craig Point at 56°23.40′ N lat, 132°37.34′ W long to Reef Point at 56°21.37′ N lat, 132°33.54′ W long to a point on Etolin Island at 56°20.00′ N lat, 132°32.30′ W long;

Gillnet mesh restriction: maximum allowed mesh size is six inches.

This announcement was made on the fishing grounds via VHF radio on channel 10 at approximately 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

Under Alaska's Health Mandates 10, 17, and 18, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Mandates. COVID-19 Health Mandates may be found here: <a href="https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/">https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/</a>

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S2120.

Advisory Announcement web site: <a href="http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main">http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main</a>.

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